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To encourage the health of children in schools by promoting better nutrition and increased physical activity, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Students Act
5 of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL**
7 **LUNCHES AND BREAKFASTS.**

8 (a) DIETARY GUIDELINES.—Section 9(a) of the
9 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1758(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (4) and insert-
2 ing the following:

3 “(4) DIETARY GUIDELINES.—

4 “(A) COMMISSION.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the
6 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (re-
7 ferred to in this paragraph as the ‘Director’)
8 shall establish a Commission to Improve School
9 Meals (referred to in this paragraph as the
10 ‘Commission’).

11 “(ii) MEMBERSHIP.—The Director, in con-
12 sultation with the Secretary, shall appoint
13 members of the Commission from among indi-
14 viduals who are nutritionists, pediatricians, or
15 experts in nutrition and children’s health.

16 “(iii) DUTIES.—The Commission shall—

17 “(I) review the provisions of the most
18 recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans
19 published under section 301 of the Na-
20 tional Nutrition Monitoring and Related
21 Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5341)
22 that are relevant for children;

23 “(II) evaluate the nutritional and die-
24 tary needs of school-age children and rec-

1 commend nutritional standards for estab-
2 lishing a healthy school nutrition program;

3 “(III) not later than 90 days after the
4 date of enactment of the Healthy Students
5 Act of 2007, develop new nutritional
6 standards for the school lunch program
7 under this Act (including the afterschool
8 care program under section 17A), the sum-
9 mer food service program established
10 under section 13, the child and adult care
11 food program established under section 17
12 (other than the program under section
13 17(o)), and the school breakfast program
14 established by section 4 of the Child Nutri-
15 tion Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773); and

16 “(IV) evaluate compliance with and
17 enforcement of the minimum nutritional
18 requirements established under subpara-
19 graph (B).

20 “(iv) FOODS OF MINIMAL NUTRITIONAL
21 VALUE.—

22 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Commission
23 shall update the definition of the term
24 ‘food of minimal nutritional value’ in sec-
25 tions 210.11(a)(2) and 220.2(i-1) of title

1 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
2 cessor regulations).

3 “(II) REQUIREMENT.—Nutritional
4 standards developed under subclause (III)
5 of clause (iii) shall prohibit food of mini-
6 mal nutritional value from being included
7 in school meals described in that sub-
8 clause.

9 “(B) RULES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2),
10 subsection (f), and subsections (a) and (b) of section
11 10 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
12 1779), not later than 90 days after nutritional
13 standards are developed under subparagraph
14 (A)(iii)(III), the Secretary shall promulgate and im-
15 plement rules, based on the standards, that establish
16 minimum nutritional requirements for food served
17 under the programs described in subparagraph
18 (A)(iii)(III).”.

19 (b) COMPUTATION OF ADJUSTMENT.—Section
20 11(a)(3)(B)(i) of the Richard B. Russell National School
21 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(3)(B)(i)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “reflect changes” and inserting

23 “reflect—

24 “(I) changes;”.

1 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
2 ing “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(I) any increased cost due to
5 the costs of compliance with minimum
6 nutritional requirements established
7 under section 9(a)(4)(B).”.

8 **SEC. 3. SCHOOL NUTRITION PILOT PROGRAM.**

9 Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School
10 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) is amended by adding at the
11 end the following:

12 “(1) SCHOOL NUTRITION PILOT PROGRAM.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
14 out a pilot program under which the Secretary shall
15 provide grants to school districts or nonprofit orga-
16 nizations for schools participating in the school
17 lunch program under this Act or the school break-
18 fast program established by section 4 of the Child
19 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) that pro-
20 mote healthy alternatives for students.

21 “(2) USES.—A grant provided under this sub-
22 section may be used—

23 “(A) to provide an alternative of organic
24 foods in the meals served under programs de-
25 scribed in paragraph (1) to students;

1 “(B) to promote healthy food education in
2 the school curriculum;

3 “(C) to carry out garden to kitchen or seed
4 to table programs; or

5 “(D) to provide professional development
6 for teachers to carry out programs that pro-
7 mote healthy alternatives for students.

8 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—In providing grants
9 under the pilot program, the Secretary shall give a
10 preference to programs that promote healthy alter-
11 natives for students that can be replicated in
12 schools.

13 “(4) STUDY; REPORT.—

14 “(A) STUDY.—During the period in which
15 grant funds are used by schools under this sub-
16 section, the Secretary shall conduct a study of
17 the pilot program.

18 “(B) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days
19 after the date on which the study is completed
20 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall
21 submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
22 tion, and Forestry of the Senate and the Com-
23 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives a report that describes the results
25 of the study.

1 “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this subsection \$5,000,000.”.

4 **SEC. 4. HEALTHY HOUR PILOT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.—In this sec-
6 tion, the term “eligible school” means an elementary
7 school or secondary school, as such terms are defined in
8 section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
9 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

10 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—From amounts appropriated
11 for this section, the Secretary of Education shall award,
12 on a competitive basis, grants to eligible schools to enable
13 the eligible schools to carry out Healthy Hour pilot pro-
14 grams described in subsection (d).

15 (c) APPLICATION.—An eligible school desiring a
16 grant under this section shall submit an application to the
17 Secretary of Education at such time, in such manner, and
18 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

19 (d) GRANT ACTIVITIES.—An eligible school receiving
20 a grant under this section shall use grant funds to carry
21 out a Healthy Hour pilot program by increasing the length
22 of each school day by an hour, which hour—

23 (1) shall be used exclusively for physical activ-
24 ity; and

1 (2) may occur at any time during the school
2 day.

3 (e) REPORTS.—

4 (1) SCHOOL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days
5 after the last day of the grant period for a grant
6 under this section, a school receiving a grant under
7 this section shall prepare and submit a report to the
8 Secretary of Education regarding the success of the
9 pilot program assisted by the grant.

10 (2) SECRETARY REPORT.—Not later than 90
11 days after receiving all reports described in para-
12 graph (1), the Secretary of Education shall prepare
13 and submit to Congress a report regarding the re-
14 sults of the pilot programs assisted by grants under
15 this section.

16 **SEC. 5. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR SCHOOL NURSES.**

17 Part E of title VIII of the Public Health Service Act
18 (42 U.S.C. 297a et seq.) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating sections 842, 846, 846A,
20 and 810 as sections 840A, 840B, 840D, and 840E,
21 respectively; and

22 (2) by inserting after section 840B (as redesign-
23 dated by paragraph (1)) the following:

1 **“SEC. 840C. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR SCHOOL NURSES.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
3 program of making payments in accordance with sub-
4 section (b), for and on behalf of an eligible nurse who en-
5 ters into an agreement with the Secretary to be employed
6 as a full-time school nurse in an elementary school or sec-
7 ondary school for 3 complete school years.

8 “(b) PAYMENTS.—The payments described in sub-
9 section (a) shall be made by the Secretary as follows:

10 “(1) Upon completion by the eligible nurse for
11 whom the payments are to be made of the first year
12 of employment pursuant to the agreement described
13 in subsection (a), the Secretary shall pay 30 percent
14 of the principal of, and the interest on, each quali-
15 fied loan of such eligible nurse which is outstanding
16 on the date the eligible nurse began such employ-
17 ment.

18 “(2) Upon completion by the eligible nurse of
19 the second year of such employment, the Secretary
20 shall pay another 30 percent of the principal of, and
21 the interest on, each such loan.

22 “(3) Upon completion by the eligible nurse of
23 the third year of such service, the Secretary shall
24 pay another 40 percent of the principal of, and the
25 interest on, each such loan.

1 “(c) LIMITATION.—The total amount paid for and on
2 behalf of any eligible nurse under the program under this
3 section shall not exceed \$50,000.

4 “(d) APPLICATION FOR REPAYMENT.—Each eligible
5 nurse desiring loan repayment under this section shall
6 submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in
7 such manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
8 retary may require.

9 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
10 tion shall be construed to authorize the refunding of any
11 repayment of a qualified loan.

12 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 “(1) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; SECONDARY
14 SCHOOL.—The terms ‘elementary school’ and ‘sec-
15 ondary school’ have the meanings given the terms in
16 section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

18 “(2) ELIGIBLE NURSE.—The term ‘eligible
19 nurse’ means an individual who—

20 “(A) is a registered nurse;

21 “(B) has received a baccalaureate degree
22 in nursing from an accredited collegiate school
23 of nursing; and

24 “(C) has any credential that is required in
25 order to work as a school nurse in an elemen-

1 tary school or secondary school by the State in
 2 which the individual is employed pursuant to
 3 the agreement described in subsection (a).

4 “(3) QUALIFIED LOAN.—The term ‘qualified
 5 loan’ means a loan from a loan fund established
 6 under this part or any other educational loan for
 7 nurse training costs, including a loan made, insured,
 8 or guaranteed under part B or part D of title IV of
 9 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071
 10 et seq., 1087 et seq.).

11 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 12 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 13 such sums as may be necessary.”.

14 **SEC. 6. CONTRIBUTIONS OF GYM EQUIPMENT FOR ELE-**
 15 **MENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PUR-**
 16 **POSES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 170 of
 18 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by the
 19 Pension Protection Act of 2006, is amended by adding at
 20 the end the following new paragraph:

21 “(8) SPECIAL RULE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF
 22 EXERCISE AND GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT FOR EDU-
 23 CATIONAL PURPOSES.—

24 “(A) LIMIT ON REDUCTION.—In the case
 25 of a qualified gymnasium contribution, the re-

1 duction under paragraph (1)(A) shall be no
2 greater than the amount determined under
3 paragraph (3)(B).

4 “(B) QUALIFIED GYMNASIUM CONTRIBU-
5 TION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
6 term ‘qualified gymnasium contribution’ means
7 a charitable contribution by a corporation of
8 any exercise or gymnasium equipment, but only
9 if—

10 “(i) the contribution is to—

11 “(I) an educational organization
12 described in subsection (b)(1)(A)(ii),
13 or

14 “(II) an entity described in sec-
15 tion 501(c)(3) and exempt from tax
16 under section 501(a) (other than an
17 entity described in subclause (I)) that
18 is organized primarily for purposes of
19 supporting the physical activity of
20 children attending elementary and
21 secondary educational institutions,

22 “(ii) the contribution is made not
23 later than 3 years after the date the tax-
24 payer acquired the property (or in the case
25 of property constructed by the taxpayer,

1 the date the construction of the property is
2 substantially completed),

3 “(iii) the original use of the property
4 is by the donor or the donee,

5 “(iv) the property is not transferred
6 by the donee in exchange for money, other
7 property, or services, except for shipping,
8 installation and transfer costs,

9 “(v) the donee’s use and disposition of
10 the property will be in accordance with the
11 provisions of clause (iv), and

12 “(vi) the property meets such stand-
13 ards, if any, as the Secretary may pre-
14 scribe by regulation to assure that the
15 property meets minimum functionality and
16 suitability standards.

17 “(C) CONTRIBUTION TO PRIVATE FOUNDA-
18 TION.—A contribution by a corporation of any
19 exercise or gymnasium equipment to a private
20 foundation (as defined in section 509) shall be
21 treated as a qualified gymnasium contribution
22 for purposes of this paragraph if—

23 “(i) the contribution to the private
24 foundation satisfies the requirements of

1 clauses (ii) and (iv) of subparagraph (B),
2 and

3 “(ii) within 30 days after such con-
4 tribution, the private foundation—

5 “(I) contributes the property to a
6 donee described in clause (i) of sub-
7 paragraph (B) that satisfies the re-
8 quirements of clauses (iv) and (v) of
9 subparagraph (B), and

10 “(II) notifies the donor of such
11 contribution.

12 “(D) DONATIONS OF PROPERTY REAC-
13 QUIRED BY MANUFACTURER.—In the case of
14 property which is reacquired by the person who
15 constructed the property—

16 “(i) subparagraph (B)(ii) shall be ap-
17 plied to a contribution of such property by
18 such person by taking into account the
19 date that the original construction of the
20 property was substantially completed, and

21 “(ii) subparagraph (B)(iii) shall not
22 apply to such contribution.

23 “(E) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO CON-
24 STRUCTION OF PROPERTY.—For the purposes

1 of this paragraph, the rules of paragraph (4)(C)
2 shall apply.

3 “(F) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of
4 this paragraph—

5 “(i) EXERCISE OR GYMNASIUM EQUIP-
6 MENT.—The term ‘exercise or gymnasium
7 equipment’ means equipment used for
8 physical activity.

9 “(ii) CORPORATION.—The term ‘cor-
10 poration’ has the meaning given to such
11 term by paragraph (4)(D).”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 this section shall apply to contributions made in taxable
14 years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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